

CALIFORNIA MARINE LIFE PROTECTION ACT INITIATIVE

**Public Comments
in Support of Proposal 4
March 18-20, 2008**

From: jamakelly [mailto:jamakelly@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:19 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support for Draft Proposal #4

Dear MLPA Representative,

As a coastal resident and scuba diver I fully support draft proposal # 4 as it provides the greatest protection for the most unique and critical habitats and the various sea-life they support. As a life-long California resident and coast-sider I can not emphasize enough how much I value our unique coastline and I want all future generations to be able to both enjoy the beauty and the bounty it provides. Draft #4 not only protects these valuable habitats but it also allows enjoyment of various recreational activities in plenty of locations so it's a win-win for all concerned. I urge you to pass draft proposal #4.

Thank you! John Kelly

From: HoopArb@aol.com [mailto:HoopArb@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 8:32 PM
To: Idahlhof@mcn.org; MLPAComments
Subject: Re: Support of Reserve Area at the Stornetta Lands Sea Lion Island Cove

I strongly support Package 4 and am one of those local citizens who have been appalled at the lack of management of the fishery since the Stornetta lands have been opened to the public in 2004. The protection of the areas included in package 4 will result in long-term benefits to our community.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
John Hooper
OZ farm

From: David Hom [mailto:dhom@aggrsr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 11:02 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Resident and Diver supports Draft Proposal #4

Dear MPLA working group:

As a lifelong resident of the San Francisco Bay Area and a SCUBA diver, I am writing to express my support for draft proposal #4. I believe this draft provides the greatest protection for our beautiful and unique marine habitats and the life they support, while leaving plenty of coastal access for all types of recreational activities. As a father, I hope that my son, and generations that follow, can enjoy our magnificent coasts, as I have. Thank you for your hard work.

Sincerely, David Hom

From: Michele Luna [mailto:mluna@mcn.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:27 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: In Support of Proposal #4 MLPA North Central Coast

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods (Stewards) is in support of Proposal/Alternative #4 for the MLPA - North Central Coast Project.

Stewards has been supporting State Park preservation programs for almost twenty-five years. We support

over 350 State Park volunteers who are dedicated to education and stewardship of our natural resources. Our Whale Watch program provides the public with a educational experience as docents are available at Bodega Head weekends from January through May. Our Seal Watch docents protect the Harbor Seal colony at the mouth of the Russian River on Goat Rock Beach during their annual pupping season from March through August. We also support Tidepool programs for school and adult groups where they are taught how to enjoy the tide pool without destruction. We care passionately about the California Coast along its entire length and most particularly about the focused effort to create Marine Protected Areas in the State waters in Sonoma County and from Pt Arena south to Pigeon Point in San Mateo County, plus the waters around the Farallon Islands.

We are concerned about our marine life habitats and the ocean ecosystems. We feel that proposal 4 offers the strongest and best protection for the North Central Coast. We want to ensure that the unique and extremely rich ecosystems and fisheries are protected for future generations.

Hopefully, we will not make short sighted decisions that we regret down the road, when it is too late to save our resources. We feel it is important to be as broad and far reaching as possible today to protect our ocean, our coast and its marine resources so that we ensure the future health of our oceans, coast and its marine resources. Proposal alternative #4 does that.

Sincerely,

Michele Luna

Michele Luna, Executive Director
Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

From: Sean Illgen [mailto:spillgen@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:04 PM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: divers support draft proposal #4

As a diver and a outdoor enthusiast I wish to write you a note on my support of proposal #4.

Sean p Illgen

From: NORMA JELLISON [mailto:normalj@monitor.net]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:03 PM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: In Support of Proposal #4 MLPA North Central Coast

I am in support of Proposal #4 for the North Central Coast Marine Protected Area. I'm a coastal resident - I live in Bodega Bay. I am a volunteer with Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods supporting State Parks along the Sonoma Coast as a Whale Watch docent at Bodega Head and a Seal Watch docent at the Harbor Seal colony at the mouth of the Russian River on Goat Rock Beach. I care passionately about the California Coast along its entire length and most particularly about the focused effort to create Marine Protected Areas in the State waters from Pt Arena south to Pigeon Point in San Mateo County, plus the waters around the Farallon Islands.

I am concerned about our marine life habitats and the ocean ecosystems. I feel that proposal 4 offers the strongest and best protection for the North Central Coast. I am very concerned that the unique and extremely rich ecosystems and fisheries are protected for future generations.

Hopefully, we will not make short sighted decisions that we regret down the road, when it is too late to save our resources. I feel it is important to be as broad and far reaching as possible today to protect our ocean, our coast and its marine resources so that we ensure the future health of our oceans, coast and its marine resources.

Norma Jellison

From: Julia Bissinger [<mailto:juliaabissinger@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 7:25 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Residents Support Draft proposal # 4

To whom it may concern (and hope it is a concern to you and future generations)

The one thing in life that brings to me the greatest joy is to be able to spend time in the water, or near the water exploring. I currently live in Alameda at South Shore Beach. I have been fortunate to live in an area with amazing biodiversity. I spend a lot of time in Monterey, as well as North Coast, an area rich in life and abundant with fish, birds, sea lions and seals! This is world class diving, and this area needs your protection. In addition to enjoying the scuba diving in the area, I do enjoy kayaking, and tide pooling, and on some seasons when I have the time, abalone diving. I fully support draft proposal #4. In addition, my personal request, I know that I do not stand alone in asking for your support! Keep these areas open for our friends and their future children.

Please help protect and support this area and keep accessible spots open for all other recreational activities.

Sincerely,
Julia Bissinger

From: Linda Hunter [<mailto:lhunter@farallones.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 5:17 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: MLPA

I wholeheartedly support the draft proposal # 4 because it provides the greatest, protection for the most unique & critical habitats and the various sea-life they support. I want my children and their children to be able to enjoy this ocean resource for many generations to come. All of that PLUS draft proposal # 4 leaves plenty of other easily accessible spots open for all types of recreational activities.

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Linda Hunter
Executive Director
Farallones Marine Sanctuary Association

"Protecting our ocean wilderness through public stewardship"

From: Robin Plutchok [mailto:robin_plu@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 4:29 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Resident Support Draft proposal # 4

As a local coastal resident, I wholeheartedly support the draft proposal # 4 because it provides the greatest, protection for the most unique & critical habitats and the various sea-life they support. I want future generation to be able to enjoy these ocean resource as I have. Additionally, Draft proposal # 4 leaves plenty of other easily accessible spots open for all types of recreational activities.

Robin Plutchok

From: jon.walheim@accenture.com [<mailto:jon.walheim@accenture.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 4:13 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support for MPA proposal 4 for the NCC Project

As a resident of San Francisco with two young kids that love the beaches and oceans, we believe that proposal 4 should be implemented. It best preserves the marine ecosystem overall and critically helps protect wildlife in accessible areas for recreation now and for generations to come. It also strikes the best balance for commercial fishing.

Sincerely, Jon Walheim

From: Leslie Dahlhoff [<mailto:ldahlhof@mcn.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 4:04 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support of Reserve Area at the Stornetta Lands Sea Lion Island Cove

There is strong support in this community for a reserve in the Point Arena area that would include the Sea Lion Island cove at the Stornetta Lands. Package 4 includes this very important reserve area. Concerned members of our community have been appalled at the level of abalone extraction that has taken place in this area since it was made available to the public. Because it is a shallow shelf, the entire cove is subject to harvesting and the impacts of foraging.

As the Mayor of Point Arena, I facilitated a meeting of community members, MLPA staff and stakeholders in which this topic was discussed and there was general consensus that this area needed to be protected.

Thank you for this further opportunity to comment.

Leslie Dahlhoff

From: Jay Auslander [<mailto:jay@hosfeltgallery.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 3:00 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Residents Support Draft proposal # 4

To Whom it may concern,

As a local coastal residents and sometimes scuba diver, i support the draft proposal # 4 because it provides the greatest, protection for the most unique & critical habitats and the various sea-life they support. It is also that I want my kids and their kids to be able to enjoy this ocean resource for many generations to come. All of that PLUS draft proposal # 4 leaves plenty of other easily accessible spots open for all types of recreational activities. I hope you'll make this proposal a reality.

thanks and best,
Jay Auslander

From: shannon allison [<mailto:shannon120279@sbcglobal.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 2:55 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Locals support draft proposal #4

I am very supportive of draft #4, the strongest plan to protect our ocean. I understand that California is in the process of creating Marine Protected Areas along the North Central coast, from Half Moon Bay to Point Arena. These underwater state parks and reserves have the power to restore damaged habitats and let threatened species thrive. Please do whatever you can to make sure these underwater state parks and reserves are established, as soon as possible, and with an ambitious environmental protection plan.

Thank you for your efforts.

From: Kent MacIntosh [mailto:kentmac@sonic.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 1:56 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support proposal number 4

Dear MLPA Staff,

As a life long recreational, and retired commercial salmon troller fisherman, I would like to lend my voice and support of **proposal number 4**.

Proposal number 4 offers the best protection for our California Coastal Marine Life and Habitat. It also adds greater assurance that future generations of Californians will be able to appreciate our Coastal and Marine resources.

Now is the time to take bold steps and implement **proposal number 4**. "Everytime we compromise..... precious marine habitat and life lose".

Thank you,

Kent MacIntosh
California Department of Fish and Game
Fishing Guide
Resident Guide License Number 10610

From: Sean T. Kelly [mailto:sean@p2prescue.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 1:01 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Divers support draft proposal #4

To whom it may concern regarding this issue:

The importance of the issue considered here cannot be underestimated. As a member of the frequent diver, coastal preservationist, and humanitarian leadership communities, draft Proposal 4 is in our view the greatest, strongest protection of the environment. It provides mechanisms that will allow unique and nourishing habitats to thrive, while supporting secondary and tertiary habitats. These are remarkably useful environs and by threatening them we are stealing from our kids and their kids many opportunities for enjoyment of and connection with the natural environment.

We must support draft proposal #4.

Best,
Sean T. Kelly
Founder/President, P2P Rescue

From: Bill Andersen [mailto:hbgandy@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 12:45 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject:

I totally support Alternative #4. A very good balance for all interested parties. Willis Andersen Jr

From: Wain Owings [mailto:wain.owings@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 11:29 PM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Divers support draft proposal #4

Hi,

My name is Wain Owings and I support Draft proposal #4 because it focuses on the most unique and critical habitats along the coast of Northern California. It is very important that these specific areas are protected for future generation to enjoy. In addition this proposal provides plenty of alternative locations available for recreational use, making it a mutually beneficial proposition for residents and divers alike.

From: Mary Ann Kelly [mailto:kelly.maryann@gene.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 11:21 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: Support for Draft Proposal #4

Dear MLPA Representative,

As a coastal resident and scuba diver I fully support draft proposal # 4 as it provides the greatest protection for the most unique and critical habitats and the various sea-life they support. As a life-long California resident and coast-sider I can not emphasize enough how much I value our unique coastline and I want all future generations to be able to both enjoy the beauty and the bounty it provides. Draft #4 not only protects these valuable habitats but it also allows enjoyment of various recreational activities in plenty of locations so it's a win-win for all concerned. I urge you to pass draft proposal #4.

Thank you! Mary Ann Kelly

From: John Givens [mailto:john.a.givens@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 10:06 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: Residents Support Draft proposal # 4

hello MLPA,

just wanted to say that I wholeheartedly support the draft proposal # 4 because it provides the greatest, protection for the most unique & critical habitats and the various sea-life they support, and that you want my children to be able to enjoy this ocean resource for many generations to come.

thank you

john givens

From: rrkeeper@sonic.net [<mailto:rrkeeper@sonic.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:47 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: Supporting alternative #4 for Coastal Protection

I'm writing today on behalf of our 1400 members in Sonoma, Mendocino and Marin counties in support of alternative #4. Our members are comprised of fishermen, divers, birders, kayakers and surfers and overwhelmingly support strong coastal protection like alternative #4 will bring in order to preserve entire ecosystems for future generations.

Our organization works hard to protect Coastal water quality and inland habitat for anadromous fish by aggressively pursuing polluters, advocating and demonstrating practices and policies that reduce pollutant delivery to the Russian River and it's tributaries. We have supported and implemented land conservation projects to protect and restore inland anadromous fish habitat. WE work to balance water supply issues with fishery needs. Our investment in coastal river conservation and protection needs to be balanced by much stronger protection for the diverse

ecosystems on our North Central Coast and alternative #4 provides this level of protection.

MLPA alternative #4 provides ample opportunity for recreational and commercial fishing activities as well as safe locations to dive and launch from while providing the strong protection the North Central Coast needs to preserve our Coastal ecosystems as required by the Marine Life Protection Act.

Sincerely,
Don McEnhill
Russian Riverkeeper

From: David Sungarian [mailto:dsungarian@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 9:35 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Resident Supporter of Draft Proposal #4

I am a San Francisco resident, frequent surfer, and scuba diver. I wholeheartedly support draft proposal # 4 because it provides the greatest protection for the most unique & critical habitats and the various sea-life they support. I want my children and their children to be able to enjoy this ocean resource for many generations to come. Further, draft proposal #4 leaves plenty of other easily accessible spots open for all types of recreational activities.

Thank you for your time,
David Sungarian

From: Russ Wilder [mailto:rwilder@atel.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:47 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Scuba diver supporting Draft Proposal #4 for Marine Protected Areas

Growing up in Santa Clara county I was fortunate to enjoy many days of beachside activity along the Santa Cruz and San Mateo county coastlines as my parents used to rent houses near Aptos for a week or two each summer, and once I started driving I started exploring some of the San Mateo county beaches. A few years ago I took up scuba diving, which gave me an expanded appreciation of the beauty of nature along our coast line.

As an avid scuba diver I support draft proposal #4 that the commission is considering since it will provide the greatest protection of the many unique marine areas along our coast, along with the aquatic wildlife they support.

Russell H. Wilder
Backpacker, PADI Master Scuba Diver

From: Great White [mailto:grtwhite7@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:39 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Residents and dive professionals support Draft proposal #4

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have read the article regards to the draft proposal #4. As a local coastal resident, a scuba diver and a dive professional I support the proposal. It provides the greatest protection for the most unique & critical habitats and the various sea-life.

Regards,
Tom Yang
www.scubaforeveryone.com
Safe Diver = Experience + Continuing Education

From: Owings, Alan [mailto:alano@plantco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 8:36 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support for proposal #4

To Whom It May Concern:

As a local skin + scuba diver I've been keeping tabs on the various proposals put forth by the MLPA process. I feel it my responsibility to future generations of these special places to unequivocally support proposal #4. The jewels of the northern coastline necklace are best protected by this proposal, all the while maintaining many easily accessible dive sites up and down the coast. Prop #4 is the best solution to conserving the precious coastline for generations to come. Thank you for your time,
Alan Owings a concerned citizen.

From: Stacey Madamba [mailto:stacey.madamba@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 7:48 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Divers Support Draft Proposal #4

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a frequent scuba diver and I wholeheartedly stand by Draft proposal # 4. Not only does it provides the greatest protection for the most unique & critical habitats and the various sea-life they support, but it also allows other easiy accessible coastal access open for all types of other enjoyable activities.

It is important to keep our ocean resources so that the future generations can enjoy this wonder.

Thank you very much for your time,

Stacey E. Madamba
Technical Writer and Avid Scuba Diver

From: Mark Levison [mailto:mlevison@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2008 1:19 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Diver supports proposal #4 - protect marine life

I just wanted to write and voice my support for proposal #4 for the Marine Life Protection Act. I'm a coastal resident and diver and make use of the coastline both in and out of the water.

I worry about our marine life habitats and feel that proposal 4 offers the strongest protection for these areas. As a new father, I don't want these unique natural environments to be gone when my daughter is old enough to enjoy them and want them to be around for her children too.

There are plenty of areas that can be used for other activities. We should not make a decision that we will regret down the road and it's important to be as aggressive as possible protecting what we have.

Thank you. Mark Levison